Villages in Uttar Pradesh without Postal facilities

*430. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to statte:

(a) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh which are without Postal facilities as on the 30th November, 1991; and

(b) by when these factilities are likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) There are approximately 95,855 villages in Uttar Pradesh which are without a post office as on 30th November, 91. Absence of a post office does not, however, imply that the village is bereft of postal facilities. There is no area in the country which is not covered for the purpose of delivery of mail because every letter that is correctly addressed has necessarily to be delivered. The Delivery Agent of the post office which serves the village not having a post office caters to the requirement of stamps postal stationery and booking of registered articles during his visits to such a village. There is also a wide network of more than 5,00,000 letter boxes in the country which also cover villages not having a post office.

(b) It is proposed to open 500 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, subject to justification, in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92 including 15 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices for the hilly areas and 5 for the tribal areas of the State.

Telecom facieitils at tourist places

*431. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telex, Telephone and FAX facilities are not available at the tourist places of Madhya Pradesh like Khajuraho, Sanchi, Mandu, Kanha and Panchmarhi; and

(b) if so, by when these places are likely to be provided with these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Telephone facilities are available at Khajuraho, Sanchi, Mandu, Kanha and Panchmarhi. Telex facilities are available at Khajuraho only. FAX facilities are not available at any of these stations.

(b) FAX facilities will be provided after STD is commissioned which will be during 8th Plan. However, STD PCOs are existing at Khajuraho and Sanchi and are planned to be provided at Mandu, Panchmarhi and Kanha by March, 1992. Telex facilities will be provided at Sanchi, Mandu, Kanha and Panchmarhi when there is a demand of atleast four telex connections.

Supply of NCERT text books in Arunachal Pradesh

*432. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT text books printed in Delhi are available in schools of Arunachal Pradesh only at the end of the academic session;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.